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SUBJECT: RPF CALLS FOR CEASEFIRE, NEGOTIATIONS

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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: RPF REPRESENTATIVE DR. EMMANUEL NDAHIRO TOLD THE AMBASSADOR ON THE EVENING OF FEBRUARY 10 THAT THE RPF WOULD INITIATE AN UNCONDITIONAL CEASEFIRE IN THE NEXT FEW HOURS, BUT FURTHER ACTION WOULD DEPEND ON THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE. THE RPF WAS COMPELLED TO LAUNCH ITS OFFENSIVE BY HABYARIMANA'S INSTIGATION OF MASSACRES, OBSTRUCTION OF NEGOTIATIONS, AND MILITARY PROVOCATIONS, BUT IS "STILL COMMITTED TO

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3. RPF REPRESENTATIVE DR. EMMANUEL NDAHIRO MET WITH THE AMBASSADOR AND POLOFF FOR 45 MINUTES AT THE RESIDENCE ON WEDNESDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 10. NDAHIRO SAID THAT THE RPF WAS CALLING A UNILATERAL AND UNCONDITIONAL CEASEFIRE THAT NIGHT. NO SPECIFIC HOUR HAD BEEN SET, BUT UNITS WOULD DISENGAGE AND HOLD THEIR FIRE WHEN THE OPERATIONAL SITUATION PERMITTED. THE RPF WOULD CONTINUE TO EXERCISE RESTRAINT AS LONG AS IT WAS NOT "PROVOKED" BY THE FAR, AND WOULD NOT USE "RANDOM ENGAGEMENTS" AS A PRETEXT TO RESUME THE OFFENSIVE. ANY FAR ADVANCE AGAINST ITS POSITIONS, HOWEVER, WOULD BE REGARDED AS A "VIOLATION" OF THE CEASEFIRE. NDAHIRO SAID THAT RPF RADIO HAD ALREADY BEGUN BROADCASTING CALLS FOR A CEASEFIRE. "WE ARE STILL COMMITTED TO THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATIONS," HE INSISTED.

4. THE AMBASSADOR POINTED OUT THAT THE USG AND OTHER OBSERVERS WERE WELL AWARE OF THE GOR'S ACTIONS AND HELD
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HABYARIMANA ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEM. THE RPF WAS PLAYING INTO HABYARIMANA'S HANDS BY LAUNCHING ITS OFFENSIVE. THE ACTION WAS COUNTERPRODUCTIVE IN EVERY RESPECT: THE RPF LOST THE MORAL AND DIPLOMATIC HIGH GROUND, IT DOUBLED THE NUMBER OF FRENCH TROOPS IN RWANDA, AND SET BACK THE ARUSHA PROCESS. EVEN AN OUTRIGHT MILITARY "VICTORY" BY THE RPF WOULD NOT ADVANCE ITS GOALS OF A DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT, THE RETURN OF REFUGEES, RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, AND NATIONAL RECONCILIATION.

5. NDAHIRO ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE OFFENSIVE HAD BROUGHT A "NEGATIVE RESPONSE" FROM WESTERN AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS, BUT DEFENDED IT AS "THE ONLY MEASURE WE HAD" TO ANSWER GOVERNMENT-INSTIGATED MASSACRES IN RURAL AREAS. HE CLAIMED THAT THE FAR HAD BEEN PREPARING ITS OWN OFFENSIVE, AS EVIDENCED BY THE REINFORCEMENT OF TROOPS AND POSITIONS AT THE FRONT. PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA'S "LIGHTHEARTED" APPROACH TO THE PEACE PROCESS AND HIS MANIPULATION OF EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO STALL NEGOTIATIONS HAD LEFT NO ALTERNATIVE TO MILITARY ACTION, NDAHIRO INSISTED.

6. COMMENT: NDAHIRO'S MESSAGE TRACKS WITH REFTTEL A. WHILE NDAHIRO DID NOT MENTION PRESIDENT MUSEVENI'S

MESSAGE TO THE RPF (REFTEL B), NDAHIRO SAID THAT HE HAD
COME TO KAMPALA FROM RPF-HELD TERRITORY, UND/R
INSTRUCTIONS. WE SUSPECT MUSEVENI'S MESSAGE HAD AN
IMPACT. END COMMENT

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